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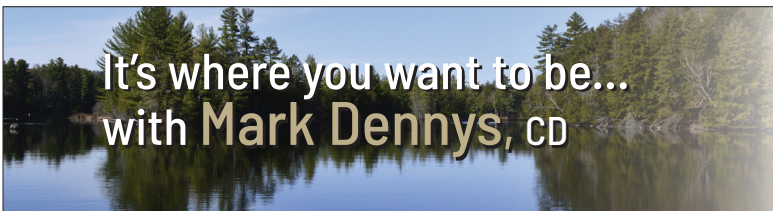
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Jamie Schmale was re-elected as MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on Monday, Oct. 21. He thanked his campaign staff for their hard work and dedication. /DARREN LUM Staff

Riding re-elects Schmale

Echo staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will again be represented by Jamie Schmale, Conservative MP, who was re-elected in the federal election on Monday evening.

At press time, Schmale had enough of a lead for major media organizations to call the election in his favour.

"It seemed very long at some points, but we all held it together," said Schmale following the announcement of his victory at about 10:30 p.m. He spent the

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Stricter laws needed to deter teen vaping, health board hears

JENN WATT

Editor

More regulations need to be in place around vaping in order to curb numbers of teenage users, a tobacco control officer with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit says.

During a meeting of the board of health on Oct. 17, Lorne Jordan explained what he called "pretty much an epidemic"

of vaping and pointed to advertising as well as flavoured vape pods as part of the problem.

"We need to have the Smoke Free Ontario Act amended to get rid of the advertising components that the industry is allowed to use," he said.

Wherever it's illegal to smoke tobacco, it's illegal to vape, but unlike cigarettes, e-cigarettes don't produce smoke or a pungent scent, making it much easier for students to hide what they're doing.

"We're seeing it not only on school

property, but inside schools. Not just inside schools, but inside classrooms. Students are vaping whenever the teacher turns their back, they'll vape and they'll exhale into their arm [sleeve] because it's a very inconspicuous device. They wear it around their neck on a chain. There's no scent. There's no smoke. There's no real obvious signs that people are vaping. That's become quite an issue for us," he said.

And when students are caught, Jordan said many of them aren't deterred by the

fines.

"Just in the space of a few months last year I was up to about 40 or so charges, my colleague was the same way. And that was with only two or three out of five high schools reporting."

Although it's a \$305 fine for smoking or vaping on school property, he said that some teenagers have been able to argue undue financial hardship and have the fine reduced.

Nicotine levels in e-cigarettes can be

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Riding of HKLB remains Conservative blue

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evening watching results come in along with other Conservative Party supporters at The Cat and the Fiddle in Lindsay Oct. 21. "We worked hard, we pushed hard to the finish line ... and because of each and every one of you, we kept this riding Conservative blue."

He also acknowledged the young volunteers on his campaign.

"We had a lot of youth out today and they were hard workers. It's good to see young blood involved in the Conservative movement," he said, calling it "a team effort."

One of Schmale's key election priorities was to make life more affordable for the people of this riding with various initiatives such as doing away with carbon pricing, reducing income taxes for those earning less than \$46,700 a year and removing HST from home heating fuel. He also lamented the Liberal government's sluggish response to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network wireless broadband internet expansion, to which they committed \$71 million long after other levels of government had already done so.

Schmale is a former radio journalist and was executive assistant to Conservative MP Barry Devolin for 11 years before running in the 2015 federal election.

At press time, CBC had projected a minority Liberal government.



Jamie Schmale, right, celebrates with his mother Brenda Hymus following his win on Monday evening. /DARREN LUM Staff

Schmale wins HHSS students' vote

JENN WATT

Editor

Along with winning back his seat in the House of Commons in the Oct. 21 election, Jamie Schmale also took first place in Student Vote, an exercise conducted at schools across the riding, as part of a larger Canada-

wide initiative.

At Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Schmale, a Conservative, received 89 votes, or just under 35 per cent. NDP's Barbara Doyle came in second with 24 per cent of the vote, followed by Elizabeth Fraser of the Green Party and Judi Forbes, Liberal. Gene Balfour of the People's Party of Canada came in last place.

At HHSS, students in the school's civics classes conducted the election, bringing ballots and voting screens to classrooms.

Trista Greer, a student in the Grade 11/12 drama class, said that climate change was a factor in who she cast a ballot for. She said she was inspired by videos of activist Greta Thunberg.

Codie Wilkinson, in the same class, said that the cost of education was on his mind as he voted and that students don't want to be deep in debt if they choose postsecondary education.

When all of the votes were tallied from participating schools across Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Schmale received nearly the same result as at HHSS, with just less than 35 per cent of the vote. Doyle received more than 21 per cent, Fraser more than 19 per cent, Forbes more than 16 per cent and Balfour seven per cent.

Canada-wide, more than 1.1 million elementary and secondary school students took part in Student Vote, casting 22.3 per cent of ballots for the Liberals, which would have given them 110 seats. The NDP received nearly 25 per cent of the vote, which would have amounted to 99 seats, the Conservatives 25 per cent and 94 seats; the Greens just over 18 per cent and 28 seats; and the Bloc with less than two per cent and nine seats.



Trista Greer casts her ballot in Student Vote on Thursday, Oct. 17 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as Abigail Kauffeldt, left, waits her turn. Student Vote is a co-ordinated effort across the province, engaging young people in the election process. /JENN WATT Staff

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Housing Summit gathers organizers to discuss solutions for crisis

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County has a need for affordable housing for people in a broad scope of circumstances looking for homes including young families, the elderly, people with disabilities, job applicants, and the homeless population.

Despite the recent approval of a 10-year-plan for 750 affordable rental units by county council for the community, more is needed, according to organizers of the Haliburton County Housing Summit who filled a room full of organizers, local politicians and community members when they hosted the event held Oct. 18 at the West Guilford Community Centre.

Hope Lee, chief executive officer of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation, and manager housing services, City of Kawartha Lakes, presented on the nature of housing issues in Haliburton County, and the work done locally in creating housing developments, and improving access to affordable housing and support, as well as an overview of how the 10-year target was set.

Bob Carter, chairman of the Minden Hills housing task force and also Minden Hills councillor, spoke to the need for what he calls “appropriate housing,” to offer housing solutions for young families, the elderly, those who want to downsize and those who don’t qualify for assistance but can’t afford the available housing in the community.

Carter said the most unique thing about the major housing problem in the county, is that, “it’s solvable, and we know how to do it. We need to build housing. I hate to make it sound that simple, but it really is.”

He applauded the work of the KLHHC and others who have embarked on similar projects, but said there isn’t a long line of developers waiting to build in Haliburton County.

“My feeling ... if we want this done, we’re going to have to do it ourselves. In Haliburton, housing is the responsibility of the county, but that doesn’t mean the municipalities are off the hook.”

He proposed a call to arms of sorts, suggesting that each of the municipalities create a housing task force in order to work together generating potential solutions, noting there is funding available, but “the resource then that we need the most is dedicated people who want to help solve this problem.”

In a panel moderated by Fay Martin called “Concrete Examples of Housing Models Being Considered,” presenters spoke to unique housing initiatives taking place or potentially available to the community.

After hearing of the need for housing, Bill Switzer has donated a piece of land in Minden making it possible to build 32 highly energy-efficient units, anticipated by 2022.

Irene Gerber, after becoming tuned in to the needs of seniors as her own family aged, spoke to the eight-plex project built on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden and announced the building of nine additional units, all on one floor, to be built in the former Minden Animal Hospital available next year.

Phil McKenzie discussed the 120-unit retirement residence planned to open in late 2020 at 1 Sunnyside Street in Haliburton.

Gord Forbes shared his experiences in creating a secondary suite on his prop-



The Haliburton County Housing Summit on Oct. 18 brought together a room full of attendees that included local councillors, community organizers and affordable housing advocates to discuss Haliburton County’s housing issues, funding including community bonds, and housing models already in place or to work toward. Seen here is an afternoon breakout session focused on housing task forces./SUE TIFFIN Staff

erty, which created a home suitable for his daughter and her family, freed up a property in the county – that otherwise would have been used by his daughter – for someone else, and secured his aging in place strategy. He said besides those advantages, he gets to see his grandkids come home from school, and eat dinner with his family. The secondary suite program offered through the Kawartha Lakes Housing Help team provides homeowners forgivable interest-free loans to assist in the creation of a second unit.

Greg Bishop discussed the student housing project near the Haliburton School of Art + Design/Fleming College campus, designed to address a need for nearby accommodation for students attending classes at those campuses.

Benefits of co-housing and homesharing were addressed by Kristina Nairn, HKPR social determinants of health nurse, while Sarah Burke, from Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and Kawartha Region, spoke to the advent of multi-residential projects for the organization, including a 41-unit building offering universal design, in order to keep up with housing needs.

While much work has been done, attendees agreed more was needed, especially for the county’s marginalized population.

Marilynne Lesperance, of the Minden Community Food Centre and Community Kitchen gave insight into the harsh realities of local homelessness and how work at the centre relates to the chronic housing shortage in Haliburton County. She said affordable – but also clean, respectable accommodation, is needed for people experiencing homelessness, which she stressed does exist in Haliburton County even if it’s not always seen.

Breakout sessions in the afternoon brought discussion of retirement homes; small home rental and small home owned; secondary suites; housing task forces and co-housing, home sharing.

Speakers also discussed support and funding options available including community bonds.

The event was organized by Aging Well Haliburton County, CARP Chapter 54 and Places for People with support from HCDC.

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Board of health to further discuss vaping concerns

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quite high, Jordan said.

"This is like a godsend for the tobacco industry because they can get a whole new generation of young people addicted to nicotine through vaping," he said.

He pointed out that the long-term health effects of vaping aren't yet known, but that he personally was aware of one or two hospitalizations of teens in the Northumberland area.

OPP Sgt. Christopher Henshall suggested at the meeting that the board of health lobby the government to create minimum mandatory fines, so that those charged won't be able to argue for a lesser payment.

Jordan also advocated for bans on advertising and flavours.

"With the vaping industry there's all kinds of different flavours out there that basically are appealing, very appealing," he said, naming chocolate, cherry and something called "unicorn puke."

A resolution calling on the province to tighten restrictions on vaping will be coming to a future meeting for a vote.



Kim Dolan, executive director of PARN, on left, presents Megan Deyman, co-ordinator of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy with a plaque recognizing the work done over the last three years, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Deyman gave a presentation to the HKPR Health Unit board of health on Oct. 17. /JENN WATT Staff

Drug strategy marks end of Trillium grant funding

Representatives of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy made a formal presentation at the board of health meeting on Thursday marking the end of a three-year Grow Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation worth \$285,000.

Kim Dolan from PARN, Catherine MacDonald from the health unit, and

drug strategy co-ordinator Megan Deyman presented a ceremonial plaque and briefly discussed the work done by the strategy, which brought together organizations in the region working on drug-related issues.

The strategy operates with a four-pillar approach: harm reduction, prevention and education, treatment, and justice and enforcement. The grant applicants were HKPR Health Unit, PARN, Four Counties Addiction Services Team and the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service. Fifty-two

organizations became members of the strategy during the three-year period.

Deyman said that the strategy led workshops, seminars and educational campaigns and supported existing work including harm reduction programs at the health unit and through PARN as well as naloxone distribution. Work is ongoing on an opioid response plan and task force for the three counties.

"I think we're at a good place coming off the three-year grant. We've laid some important and foundational components in each of the three counties," Deyman said, citing better connections between service providers and communities, opportunities for marginalized people to take leadership roles and reducing harms through programming and enhancing education.

ple outside of the buffer zone. At schools, student smokers are leaving the property and often ending up smoking outside of private residences.

Dysart et al Mayor and board of health member Andrea Roberts said that was an issue in Haliburton, where smokers from the high school are now standing at the corner of Gelert Road and County Road 21. That sidewalk runs along the property line of a private residence.

"Everybody driving in and out of town sees them and there's garbage and there's litter," Roberts said.

Jordan said the health unit had that problem with every school.

He said the legalization of recreational marijuana hasn't led to extra calls of people smoking where they shouldn't, but he has heard from people in apartments and condos who aren't happy the person in the unit next to them is smoking.

This was already an issue with tobacco smoke and has expanded to include cannabis.

However, the Smoke Free Ontario Act does not govern what people do in their private dwellings.

"Common areas within those buildings, yes, the law applies, hallways, elevators, laundry rooms, parking garages, that kind of thing, yes those are banned areas, but unit to unit is not."

New laws, more calls

Restrictions around where people can smoke tobacco and cannabis have created extra work for the tobacco control officers at the health unit.

The Smoke Free Ontario Act bans smoking 20 metres from schools and nine metres from restaurants and bars.

Lorne Jordan told the board of health that in both cases, it has been logistically difficult for those responsible to keep peo-

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SIRCH praised for life-changing impact over the years

JENN WATT

Editor

The opportunity to gain a new skill, meet new friends, receive a warm meal or help a neighbour can be life changing. In the 30 years SIRCH has been operating in Haliburton County, its programming has created an environment for personal and community growth, said a steady stream of speakers at celebration event in Haliburton Oct. 17.

Former and current staff members, volunteers and recipients of SIRCH Community Services initiatives took to the microphone to share how the charity has improved their lives and those of their friends, family and fellow community members.

Liz Kerlie, Katie Peddie and Jessahra McIvor all took part in programming for new parents and spoke to the audience about the impact SIRCH has had. Peddie said she looked forward to a time to be with other mothers, sharing laughs and good food. McIvor said the program allowed her kids to meet their future classmates and has provided her with emotional support during the first months of her child's life.

Kerlie said she was referred to SIRCH's Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program when she attended prenatal classes offered by the health unit.

"I was a nervous first-time mom and was really, really wary of going," she said. "I've got to admit, that all changed the minute I walked in the door. I was met by a wonderfully kind woman with open arms and caring eyes and that has changed my life. Through the CPNP and CAPC [Community Action Program for Children] programs I have made friends, I have watched great kids grow up and I've been introduced to community resources that otherwise never would have been part of my life."

It was there that she learned about Contact North, which connects people in rural areas to postsecondary education opportunities. Kerlie has since completed one college program and has signed up for another.

SIRCH's current roster of programs includes those for children and parents as well as Community Kitchen, which prepares free meals for those in need using the power of volunteers, guided by staff. Skills development training is offered through Cook It Up and Ready For Retail, which both prepare participants for readily available jobs in the Haliburton economy. School's Cool, a kindergarten readiness program, prepares kids for the next chapter in their educational journey, while Family Roots is about connecting volunteers with seniors looking to trace the journeys of ancestors who came before them.

Nancy Baker volunteers for Family Roots, one of many SIRCH programs she's been involved with over the years. Her first experience with the charity was in 1994 when a friend of hers suggested they take part in the Community Assistance Program, a precursor to what Victims Services offers today. Following her training, she helped people in the hours following life-altering and potentially traumatic events.

She described sitting in the Haliburton hospital with a person who had attempted suicide while intoxicated, bringing the person coffee and providing encouragement and care in a time of great need.

Baker was involved with a family who were in a car accident, with the mother taken to the hospital in Kingston.

"The team stepped up and provided



SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson holds a David Beaucage Johnson print gifted to her at the SIRCH 30th anniversary celebration. MC Mike Jaycock watches as board member Maureen Ruttig, right, presents the gift. "You are the creative spark in this community," Ruttig told Robertson. /JENN WATT Staff

comfort and shoes for the little girl, supported the husband, found accommodation for the family, contacted other family members to explain the situation and helped them deal with the ordeal they were in. All came to a happy ending and the family was eventually reunited with their mother," she said.

She went on to become a volunteer with the hospice program and is now working on Family Roots.

Martin Dunn shared with the group the importance of the training programs for those looking to change directions. He recently returned to Canada after many years abroad and was having a hard time fitting his skillset into the local economy.

He joined the Cook It Up training after seeing an ad in the newspaper. He has since found employment, but said the experience is about more than that.

"Getting a job is certainly an immediate impact for me, but it's been more on personal growth, the opportunity to reflect on my skills, how they are more applicable than I realized and now I will take more chances," he said. "I'm working in another job, which is not actually related to food service, but it's something I probably would never have applied to before."

Speeches ended with Barbara Fawcett, president of the board of directors, who thanked all of those who have been part of SIRCH's history. She made sure to praise executive director Gena Robertson, who has been with the charity since the beginning.

"During the past 30 years, this extraordinary visionary has become known as a force to be reckoned with," she said of Robertson. "She is a brave and tenacious leader who thinks outside of the box, encourages partnerships and is always looking for ways to care for the needs of others."

Robertson was presented with a framed print by Curve Lake artist David Beaucage Johnson and a bouquet of flowers.

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Elected deputies

SHOULD HIGHLANDS East change the way it chooses its deputy mayor? A recent consultant's report suggested that switching from a deputy mayor selected from among council members to one elected by the population would create "a stronger 'one team' mentality within council." But in a municipality as large as Highlands East with such a small tax base, does it make sense?

According to the organizational review created by Savino Human Resources Partners, fewer than 3,400 people live in Highlands East full time, residing in a 758-square kilometre geographical area that also welcomes more than 13,000 seasonal visitors.

Currently, voters elect four ward councillors and one mayor, then when council convenes, those councillors select a deputy mayor from among their ranks. The role of the deputy mayor is to preside over the affairs of council and in public engagements in the absence of the mayor. The deputy mayor also becomes a county councillor.

The report provided to the media does not include the section reflecting the interviews and survey results from staff and council used as a basis for their suggestions, but potentially, an elected deputy mayor would make for a more cohesive council because councillors wouldn't be asked to vote for the deputy, which might lead to feelings of animosity between the contenders and their supporters.

It would also allow voters more choice over who represents them,

which really is a much better reason to make such a change, especially given whoever is deputy makes up one-half of the municipality's representation at the county table.

Where it gets tricky, however, is the implementation. Would Highlands East create an entirely new council role, putting six members around the table and creating the additional expense – a little more than \$16,000 a year – for taxpayers?

Alternately, the deputy mayor could become its own position

and the wards could be reduced from four to three, allowing the fourth position at the council table to be the deputy mayor, elected by all voters.

Maybe there are other ways around it at the ballot box. That's a question for experts in municipal affairs.

What is important is that those around the council table, both in Highlands East and at

county council, represent the voters.

If the deputy mayor role were restricted to Highlands East only, someone who chaired meetings when the mayor was away and attended funding announcements, the position could be filled by any councillor. In some municipalities, councillors take on the task on a rotating schedule for just that reason.

But in Highlands East, the deputy is also on county council, making decisions on behalf of all the people of the municipality.

It follows that all the people of the municipality should have a say in who that person is.



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Editorial



Head Lake reflections

by Darren Lum

The Senior Ladies of Lake WhaddayathinkImean

NOW, WHEN ol' Maybelle is referring to a dumbbell, I don't mean Beanpole Starkman. No, no. He may be soft in the noggin' when it comes to crashing his Tiger Moth bi-plane into my wood shed more often than not; but, the dumbbell I'm speaking about weighs five pounds, has a twin sister that looks just like her, and is lifted by my heavily veined hands in a rigorous Lake WhaddayathinkImean Senior Ladies' Exercise workout twice a week above the Clem J. Snitner hockey arena, don'tcha know.

Ruby Zeiner Fitz runs the class, filling the space with her superwoman energy huddled into an older gal's body. But a toned body, in her zebra striped stretchy outfit ... or the paisley one that matches her socks. And what fun she makes it for the rest of us old gals.

And let me tell you, it's one palooza of a rigorous workout. Sure, some of us don't quite stretch our arms past the moon like she does, but we do our best and that's all that matters. And when we lift our dumbbells over our heads, behind our backs, and out to the far reaches of our elbows, we become warriors for youth ... our own youth. Yep, that's us, the Senior Ladies of Lake WhaddayathinkImean.

Now, as soon as the class is over and Grace Biddlebogner wipes the glow from her brow and puts her street shoes and down-filled jacket back on, she heads on over to Peggy Ann's, our local volunteer second hand clothing store, for her four hour shift, don'tcha know.

Rachel Shranhoffburt collects six dogs that she walks for owners who

are no longer able to do it themselves.

Bernice Toothmorry drives folks to and from their doctor's appointments, and even shops for their food and whatever else they may need.

Crystal Rainbow Dreamer takes her handmade hand puppets to schools, hospitals, and retirement homes and cheers kids and folks alike with her magical friends: Sump Pump McFee, Cecelia Benton Bigbottom, and Professor Piston P. McFoolya.

And right now, with Halloween just around the corner, my good

friends Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, our honorary older gal, Vilma Yuccch (she's only 50, don'tcha know) and ol' Maybelle, are busy making our costumes.

Ironically, (or not, being of like minds), we all chose to go as trees. Trees that our planet needs desperately. Those that have been cut down, those that have just been planted, and those that we need to protect. And of course,

those that burst with the most vibrant colours this fall and are still treating us to the last vestiges of their glory.

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points of view

If the shoe fits

THIS MORNING just before breakfast, I made a comment to Jenn about how I must be losing a bit of weight since my pants seemed looser.

It turns out, they were just lower.

Jenn did not say this, but she did give me the subtle look, complete with raised eyebrows, that she wears whenever she is skeptical of some wild claim. In this case, the look was even worse than the one she gave me when I suggested that I might have encountered a Bigfoot.

"You don't think I'm losing weight?" I asked.

She looked at my stomach, which for some reason – perhaps the earth's gravitational pull – was distended at that particular time.

"We're both putting on weight," she said, quite kindly.

"Really?" I said.

And that's when she gave me yet another reason to hate Facebook. She summoned one of those photos of a random event – the kind remembered by Facebook that everyone else would just as soon forget about.

"This was you just about seven years ago," she said. "Look how skinny you were."

There were two very troubling things about the photo.

First, I have never been skinny. So, for her to call me skinny was only because that was the easiest way to make a relative comparison from my former weight to my current one.

Second, and more troubling, were the red high heels I was wearing in the photo.

The photo depicted me and many other men in the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event of seven years ago.



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In that event, men were asked to wear red high heel shoes to raise awareness of violence against women. But while the cause was righteous, the photo once again proved that no good deed goes unpunished.

For there it was, me, looking exceedingly comfortable in high heels.

"I was wearing heels," I muttered.

"Yes," she replied.

I made the case that I was probably just about the same weight then as I am now but the heels merely had a slimming effect.

"I don't think so," she said.

I knew better than to argue with a person who has that kind of photo in their possession during hunting season. Yet, between us, I still believe she was wrong.

I mean, it only makes sense. If you stretch a certain amount of weight over 64 inches (give or take an inch) and then stretch the same weight out over 67 inches (give or take an inch), the taller version is bound to look slimmer.

That, in my opinion, is probably what happened in this case. Those heels made me look like a long, tall drink of water and Jenn fell for the old optical illusion trick, which is no doubt why my stomach also appeared distended to her, since I was only in thin socks.

I didn't have the heart to tell her that her eyes had been playing tricks on her. Yet, I will also admit that this has got me worried.

The last time she noticed that I was "gaining weight" we started to do strange things that humans were never meant to do. Things like walking when both of our cars were in perfect working order and generally becoming more active.

And it got much worse. I still cannot forget the horrible, horrible things I was forced to endure – things like eating kale and tofu and having to sneak additional desserts. Believe me, I would not wish this on my worst enemy – which is also, ironically, kale.

No, it is better for me to take the bull by the horns and deal with this perceived weight gain, before it comes to that.

The solution is actually quite easy, once you get used to stiletos.



pic of the past

THIS PHOTO was taken 73 years ago on Dawson Road in Algonquin Highlands. Back row: Carrie Morrison, Aldyth McMurty (Morrison), Perry Morrison, Helen Jesseman, John Morrison. Seated: Liz Jesseman and Sandra Morrison.

letters to the editor

Lions raising cash for community

To the Editor,

It's that time again. It's time for the fifth annual Haliburton and District Lions Club Super Cash Calendar raffle. The Lions raise money to give it away to meet the needs of our community.

Here's how the Super Cash Calendar raffle works:

- Only 400 Cash Calendars will be sold.
- You have a chance to win every month for 10 months.
- Monthly draws will take place on the second Monday of each month from January 2020 to October 2020 at the Haliburton and District Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. and all draws are open to the public.
- Cash Calendars cost \$50 each. That's just \$5 per month!
- You win cash! Three draws – three cash prizes every month. First ticket drawn wins \$100 cash. The second ticket drawn wins \$200 cash and the third ticket drawn wins \$500 cash.

All tickets drawn are returned for future draws.

If I asked you if you could spare \$5 a month to give to the Haliburton Lions to support their

many good works, I know many of you would say "Sure!" When you purchase a Super Cash Calendar raffle ticket that is what you are doing and you have a chance to win cash! Please remember that in Haliburton the needs are great. Please say "sure" and purchase a Cash Calendar ticket so that the Haliburton Lions can say "sure" to all those deserving assistance.

You can get a Super Cash Calendar raffle ticket at Cranberry Cottage, The Source- Halco Electronics, Minden/Haliburton Hearing Services in Haliburton and at the Haliburton Supplements and Bulk Foods store. You can phone or text me at 705-455-2772 or email gatesstelter@gmail.com. You can also purchase a ticket from any member of the Haliburton and District Lions Club. And, don't forget, you can now purchase tickets online at haliburtonlions.com. Finally, if you find it difficult to get out to purchase your ticket, we will come to you! Just call or text! The first draw for year five takes place on Jan. 13, 2020 so get your tickets now! Thank you.

Lion Gail Stelter

Old and young

To the Editor,

Wondering why very few young people from Haliburton are involved with the federal election and the Strike for the Climate?

Watching young people deal with weather, problems, good luck and bad is totally different from watching older people. I don't know exactly where the cut off is, but somewhere in the late teens or early 20s.

There's a "who cares" attitude which comes off young people. Sometimes the attitude that they don't care about anyone or thing except themselves makes us old folks critical of them and causes us to avoid contact with youngsters. But I don't think it's "I don't care" for most of them. I think it's lack of information, sticking with their peers no matter what and the distance created between their parents and them.

Parents are too busy making money to put food

on the table and dealing with grown up responsibilities such as paying bills, keeping house, shopping, and cooking. Thus they have very little time to play with or interact with their kids. TV and electronic devices have become the babysitters, and during the working day these same parents have to pay someone else for day care.

As soon as these young people enter the adult arena they run head long into these responsibilities and jobs and very quickly see why their parents didn't have time for them. They in turn don't have time for their own kids.

Cellphones and the like have also taken much of the time which used to be used for conversation, listening to stories, playing games and walking together for pleasure.

This was not the case when I was young. We were lucky to have Mom at home at least until we

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Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature wear and potentially result in a blowout. The automotive group AAA notes it is important to visually inspect tires as often as possible. Drivers should look for overall tread wear. Pay special attention to tread wear on one edge of the tires, which could indicate poor alignment. Erratic tread wear may mean tires are out of balance.

Drivers also should pay attention to how their car drives and sounds. Unusual vibration or thumping noises suggest issues with the tires. A car that pulls in one direction also may be experiencing tire problems.

Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

- **Tire pressure:** Keeping tires properly inflated is one of the most important steps to maintaining them. Tires lose around 1 psi per month, and underinflated or overinflated tires can contribute to unusual wear, blowouts and even excessive fuel consumption.

- **Rotation:** Check the owner's manual or recommendations from the tire manufacturer, but know that most mechanics advise having tires rotated every 8,000 to 13,000 kilometres. Rotation helps distribute wear more

evenly on tires.

- **Balancing:** AAA says balancing also helps minimize uneven wear and tear. Balanced tires are achieved by using small weights attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. New tires should be balanced, and tires also should be balanced after one or more is removed to repair a puncture.

- **Alignment:** Vehicles have wheel alignment measurements that pertain to manufacturers' specifications. Alignment that falls outside of the range can impact handling, fuel economy and tread wear. A drift or pull suggests alignment problems and should be addressed.

Vehicle owners should keep tire inspection and

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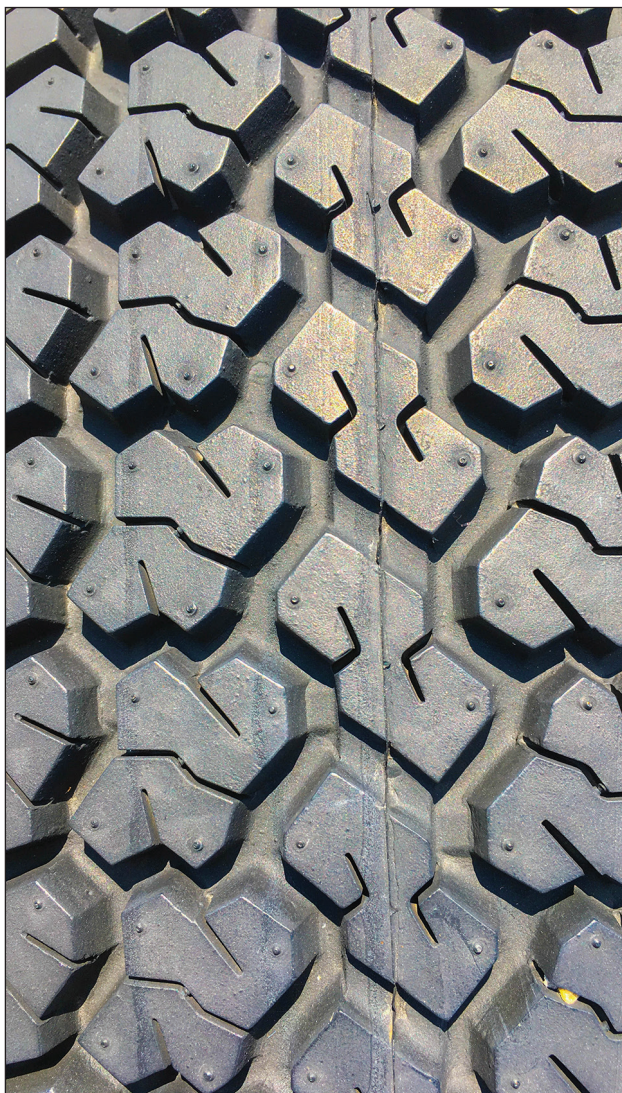
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Considering a countywide cleanup day

JENN WATT
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Oct. 10 meeting of Dysart et al's environment and climate change committee.

Conversation is ongoing about setting aside one day in May for volunteers across Haliburton County to pick up litter along roadsides. The concept was first

discussed at a joint meeting of environment committees, with notes coming to Dysart's committee table.

"The idea is to pull more people into it and make it a big event," said Mallory Bishop, environmental co-ordinator for Dysart et al.

Councillors were positive about the idea, noting there might be some logistical issues in arranging for enough fluorescent vests for people to wear.

An inventory of trash collected would also be compiled, which would be useful in future educational campaigns.

Councillor John Smith, who chairs the environment committee, said the cleanup he is involved with around Kennisis Lake garners a significant amount of trash including more than 1,000 beer cans collected last May.

"We've had people say this stretch of road wasn't cleaned up last time because there was so much trash here. Well, I'm sorry, it was," he said.

Additional details will be decided at the joint meeting of environment committees in January.

Logistics too complicated for giveaway day

The committee discussed a curbside giveaway day, but decided that in a municipality as geographically spread out as Dysart, it would be too difficult to orchestrate. For those living down rural roads, chances would be low that enough people would drive by and be interested in the items left at the end of their driveway to make it worthwhile.

The committee also discussed having centralized drop-off points, but determined that likely the municipality would end up with unwanted items at the end of the day.

Mayor Andrea Roberts pointed out that for those who have high quality used items, they can sell them at Trash N Treasures in June or bring them to the Lily Ann or Thrift Warehouse.

Waiting for Waste Wizard magic

The new Waste Wizard app will soon be launched in Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands, which committee members in Dysart said they were waiting for to see usage statistics before they make any recommendations.

The app assists users in sorting their recycling and garbage and points them to the appropriate venues for particular items. There was concern that with spotty internet access, it might not get enough use. Bishop also pointed out that Dysart has its own projects it's working on.

"We've got ULinks working on a waste education campaign strategy coming in the winter. So we'll have to consider what things we want to focus on," she said.

If Dysart and Minden Hills were both to join in, the cost would be \$750 per year per municipality.

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— Mallory Bishop

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Council to determine limits on waste

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Ahead of the move to turn Haliburton's landfill into a transfer station, the committee began discussion on how much waste and recycling could be brought to the transfer station and at what cost.

Commercial waste and household waste present two challenges. Councillors told staff that they would like to see those who bring in commercial waste pay the real cost when they dump it, rather than a subsidized rate.

For household waste, there was inter-

est in restricting volumes to a reasonable amount, setting limits that were fair.

Bishop said that she had been looking into what neighbouring municipalities do and the committee discussed whether a tag system would help control the amount of household waste allowed.

Currently, at Dysart et al landfills, users can bring six large bags of garbage and after that, must pay for additional waste. In order to enforce strict bag limits, more staffing might be needed, she said.

She also asked committee members if they wanted to continue accepting com-

mercial waste. Roberts and Smith both said they thought commercial waste should still be allowed, but could be limited to the Haliburton site only.

"We've got five landfills today and 80 per cent of traffic goes to two of them: West Guilford and Haliburton," Smith said.

"You could in theory decide that OK, if you've got commercial waste, you've got to go to Haliburton."

Stricter standards being enforced by attendants would also work as a deterrent, Roberts said.

"If they know we're going to get a little tougher ... I think you're going to get the majority of people complying," she said.

She stressed that limits shouldn't be overly stringent. "The general taxpayer should have the ability to take a reasonable amount of household garbage and pay for [disposing waste from] ... a bathroom renovation or [to] rip off an old deck..."

Bishop said she and Rob Camelon, director of public works, would take the feedback from the committee and begin drafting policy ideas, which would be revisited by council in the future.



Antoine Mountain speaks at the Canoe FM Radio Hall on Oct. 3 for a launch of his book, *From Bear Rock Mountain: The Life and Times of a Dene Residential School Survivor*. / JENN WATT Staff

Mountain reflects on life as a Dene artist and storyteller

JENN WATT

Editor

Antoine Mountain's earliest years were spent in the company of his maternal grandmother, living along the Duhogah River. Born about 30 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle in 1949, along with his sister Judy he was raised by his grandparents Elizabeth and Michel.

"Granny always began her life lessons by talking about the Dene concept of gohsheneh: to do things carefully, lovingly, and right the first time," he writes in his memoir, *From Bear Rock Mountain: The Life and Times of a Dene Residential School Survivor*.

His grandmother didn't speak English – except for the words "lie" and "talk," he writes – but was the kind of person with great wisdom, who was sought after for advice. Along with his sister, Judy, Mountain was raised in the early days by their grandparents.

"The lessons that I learned from my grandparents is these were people that came from a time before there was any kind of things we know and take for granted today," Mountain explained during a recent visit to Haliburton. "They didn't have any matches, or tea, sugar, flour, ... canvas, bullets, guns, anything like that. ... We had a front-row seat to what it was like in the very old Indian days."

Mountain went on to become a writer, newspaper columnist, poet, artist and academic. He is currently working on his PhD in Indigenous studies at Trent University.

Speaking with Larry O'Connor at the Canoe FM Radio Hall on Oct. 3, Mountain talked about diverse aspects of his life and perspectives on the world, from his thoughts on protest and activism to troubles in his home life, from the power of art to the devastating effects of residential schools.

He draws connections to the Holocaust, the purposeful extermination of Jewish people, and residential schools and the cultural genocide perpetrated within their walls.

Throughout his talk, spurred by questions by O'Connor who hosts an Indigenous show *Tales from the Big Canoe* on Canoe FM, Mountain emphasized that humans can't be easily pigeonholed.

"We all share in the guilt. We all share in the glory of the human experience," he said. "... [The] main part is try to stay away from that situation of saying we are the good people, they are the bad people. There is no division."

Reconciliation means that two parties have to meet each other halfway, he said, and be willing to have a conversation based on mutual respect and curiosity.

From Bear Rock Mountain is available at the Haliburton County Public Library and can be purchased at Master's Book Store in Haliburton.





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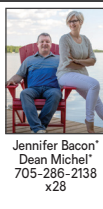
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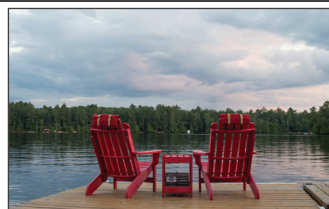
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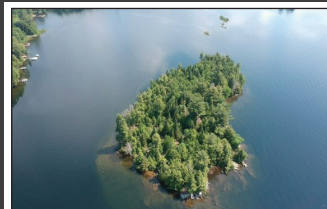
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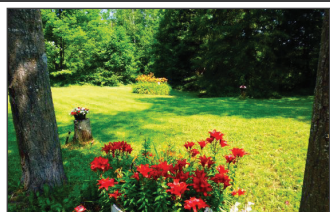
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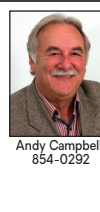
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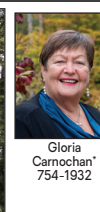
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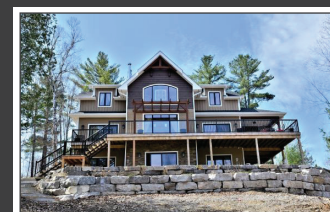
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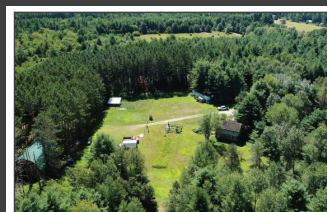
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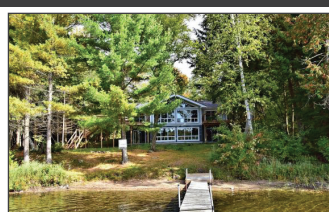
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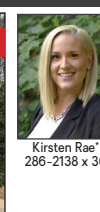
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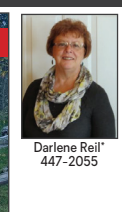
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Nash wins one of 50 Over 50 Awards

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

After a lifetime of being a serial entrepreneur, Brian Nash is enjoying a year of being a serial winner.

Nash, owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind, recently learned he has been named a recipient of a Wise 50 Over 50 Award, celebrating Canadian entrepreneurs who have launched an innovative business at a time when many people are focused on retirement planning.

Haliburton Solar and Wind is a locally owned service company, enabling homeowners to go off-grid and use hybrid grid tied systems, harnessing solar, wind and water power.

At the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards held in March this year, Nash through Haliburton Solar and Wind was named the winner in four categories: Skilled Trades and Industry, Customer First - Business Award, Innovation and Creativity and Business Achievement. The Wise 50 Over 50 Award marks his fifth award win of the year.

"I wasn't expecting it but of course I was hopeful," he said. "I thought at the time we had a pretty cool entry, particularly because Haliburton Solar and Wind is a very unique business in that we provide high-quality, reliable power systems for luxury remote properties, we deal in the high end of the market. We're very unique that way. I thought, you know what, we're interesting enough, and so maybe. And lo and behold."

Other winners include entrepreneurs, who all over the age of 50, have been successful in launching a wide variety of businesses, from consulting agencies, to publishing operations, to health and wellness initiatives to bakeries.

Nash, a self-professed "serial entrepreneur," first had a landscape business called Shoots Interior Landscaping after graduating from Guelph Univer-



Brian Nash, owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind, recently learned he has been named a recipient of a Wise 50 Over 50 Award, celebrating Canadian entrepreneurs who have launched an innovative business after the age of 50. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

sity in horticulture in the 1980s, and then developed a national signage management company called Signs of Change in the 1990s. Get Signage Components was established in 2002. He started Haliburton Solar and Wind in 2013, at the age of 52, opening the Haliburton Solar and Wind headquarters on the Abbey Gardens property in 2017.

As a child, Nash said he cut grass, shovelled driveways and cleaned cars.

"I can remember helping a friend with his paper route and figuring out that the money I could make in a Saturday morning washing and detailing two cars was more than making a whole week deliver-

ing newspapers," he said. "That's probably the point in time where I learned to focus on those opportunities with the greatest likelihood of success using limited resources."

"It is my passion that drives my entrepreneurial spirit," he said in his Wise 50 Over 50 profile. "It is about creating something that is strong, self-sufficient and enduring."

Nash said he thinks he'll always have an interest in owning and operating a business.

"It's something that I get really, such a great sense of reward and accomplishment from that I want to do it," he said.

"Developing a new business on a hunch, that there's a gap in the market and therefore that could create opportunity, and sort of as you move forward into that adventure, that journey, your discovery of that hunch, when it starts to show itself as being a good hunch ... that gives you great sense of reward and you just keep on going."

"And then you get copycats and that means you've been really successful," he laughed.

"Brian is a winner due to being innovative, the impact he is having on the environment, the growth potential of the company and giving back to the community," said Wendy Mayhew, who created the 50 over 50 Awards in 2017 to recognize and celebrate Canadian entrepreneurs who started a business after the age of 50.

"I did it because older entrepreneurs, who are the newest and fastest growing group of new entrepreneurs, weren't getting any attention," she said. "As well, I had been told one too many times that we wouldn't amount to anything and wouldn't add anything to the economy. I knew that was wrong, and decided to do something about it."

In 2017, she had 80 organizations sharing information on the awards, 100 organizations in 2018, and in 2019, 120 organizations were involved.

Nash, who was also inducted as 2019 - 2020 president of the Rotary Club of Haliburton this past June, clearly has no intentions of slowing down. He said that being an entrepreneur over 50 has been unique compared to his past ventures.

"The differences were that I found myself to be much more easily focused, and more selective and less obsessive," he said. "The journey's more an adventure out of wanting it, as opposed to a more obsessive journey out of need."

For more information about the Wise 50 Over 50 Awards, visit 50over50awards.ca. For more information about Haliburton Solar and Wind visit haliburtonsolarandwind.com.

Abbey Gardens unfurls new produce project with The Growcer

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Growcer - an automated, hydroponic growing system housed in a shipping container-like shell - will allow Abbey Gardens to produce veggies for the county on a year-round basis.

An event to mark the occasion was held at the Abbey Gardens property outside West Guilford on the morning of Oct. 19.

As Corey Ellis, co-founder and CEO of The Growcer explained to the crowd, the units were invented to allow residents of northern communities to grow healthy food for themselves, and were first used north of the Arctic Circle. Being hydroponic means the units use no soil, only water in the growing process, and pesticides and herbicides are not used. A digital monitoring system keeps an eye on the plants, deciding when they need water, etc. and Abbey Gardens and Growcer staff can monitor and manage the system digitally.

"It's designed to operate year-round," Ellis said. "We're really excited to see what they [Abbey Gardens] do with it."

Producing 450 vegetables per week, Abbey Gardens will use its system mostly to grow leafy greens. As operations director Heather Reid explained, half of that yield will be dedicated to a community-



supported agriculture model, where residents can sign up to receive fresh greens. That is slated to commence in December.

"We also did a lot of consultation with local restaurants," Reid said, explaining the other half of the greens produced will be sold to local restaurateurs.

The unit was a large investment for Abbey Gardens at \$230,000, and it

received financial support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, as well as the Laidlaw family and other private investors.

"HCDC is proud to be supportive of this project," said HCDC executive director Patti Tallman.

Abbey Gardens board member and founder John Patterson noted that the sus-

The Growcer - an automated, hydroponic growing system housed in a shipping container-like shell - will allow Abbey Gardens to produce leafy greens on a year-round basis. From left are Abbey Gardens operations director Heather Reid, Haliburton County Development Corporation executive director Patti Tallman, Abbey Gardens board member and founder John Patterson, HKLB MPP Laurie Scott, and Drew Sterling, a staffer with The Growcer. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

tainable food hub, which is constructed on a former gravel pit, is approaching its 10th anniversary, and said the addition of The Growcer was part of its ongoing evolution.

"There's another 10 or 20 years of work to do in our future," Patterson said.



Red Hawks senior boys Jonas Moghini, from left in red tops, Isaac Little, Logan Heaven, Jacob Dobson and Brendan Coumbs were not slowed down by the inclement weather at the Kawartha Cross Country Meet on Monday, Oct. 16 at the Ganaraska Forest. The senior boys, who were led by Little's Kawartha win and an eighth place finish by first-year senior Heaven, finished second overall in the team category. Submitted by Karen Gervais.

Little wins big at Kawartha

KAREN GERVAIS

Special to the Echo

The wild and wet weather on Wednesday, Oct. 16 made for some muddy and challenging conditions on the trails at the Ganaraska Forest where Kawartha Cross Country was hosted. The Red Hawks showed their true grit however as they clawed up and slipped down hills and ran their way to some strong finishes.

Isaac Little captured the Kawartha senior boys title.

Little used his strength on the hills to separate from Cobourg's second place runner after running pace for pace through the first 2.5 kilometres of the six kilometre course.

Logan Heaven, a first-year senior, ran a really strong race to finish eighth. Brendan Coumbs, Jacob Dobson and Jonas Moghini put in solid performances enabling the senior boys to finish second overall as a team.

In junior boys action, Nick Phippen continues to run strong, placing third in the five kilometre race. Team-mate Corin Gervais followed closely behind in fifth and newcomer Bronson McCord improved on his previous run on the course, placing sixteenth in a field of 27.

The team competes at COSSA Championship this coming Wednesday, which is also at the Ganaraska Forest.

Red Hawks crowned queens of Kawartha

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is always a belief in on-field success for the Red Hawks varsity field hockey team.

At the start of the season, Red Hawks coach Steve Smith said as much when asked about the team's chances for success.

His unwavering optimism was rewarded by the Hawks winning the Kawartha Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 15 with a 1-nil win over the Mustangs of Crestwood.

The Hawks earned their Kawartha finals berth with a 1-nil (goal scored by Ava Smith) Kawartha semi-final victory against third place St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, which pitted them against the Crestwood Mustangs in the final.

It went to two extra 7.5 minute periods. The Hawks forward Bella Smolen scored the eventual game winner in the first extra period and the team held on for the title win, which was backed up by goalkeeper Danaya MacDuff.

Smith described MacDuff's play as "great" for the tournament where she earned two shutouts.

"She was instrumental. She kept us in all of our games. She saved a short-corner goal. We had it come off of one of our defender's stick and up, top corner. She just reached up and back and batted it out of the air," he said.

Her strong play has been an important aspect of the team's success with how the team pushes the ball, attacking and pressuring their opponents. This style of play

can often lead to transition attacks, which can provide scoring chances for the Hawks' opponents.

Coach Smith was happy for tournament goal scorers Smith and Smolen. It was the second for Smith and the first for Smolen. It couldn't have come at more of an opportune time for Smolen and the team.

"[Smolen's] been working hard all year. She was frustrated ... she's had a couple of shots where she had the ball go over her stick. She was really frustrated. So it was really nice to see Bella and Ava both score," he said. "It was good for them because the pressure was on them a little bit as forwards to produce."

By the time this *Echo* is published, the team will have competed at the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Association) Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Sir Sanford Fleming College. See results in the next *Echo*.

All three teams from the Kawartha Championship advanced to COSSA, including the top team from Quinte and Hawks long-time field hockey rival, the North Hastings Highlands High School.

The title earned the Hawks a game against the third place finisher of Kawartha as opposed to playing NHHS in the opening round. The COSSA winner will advance to the all-provincials.

Facing the same Kawartha schools provides Smith and his players a familiarity to game plan for, but doesn't assure them of anything, he said.

"It doesn't mean it's any easier," he said. "Anything can happen during those days. Whatever team shows up will be the team that will be victorious."

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COSSA bound Hawks looking to capitalize

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When asked about the team hitting its potential, he said, "There's always room."

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the team held an indoor practice to simulate the turf conditions they play on for COSSA. Turf offers a quicker pace of play.

One area the team was busy with before the COSSA Championship was working on finishing offensive attacks.

"We struggled this year with getting the ball actually

in the net," Smith said. "All of our wins in this tournament were 1-0. We're still struggling and so we're going to be doing a lot of drills tonight, dealing with shots and how to maybe get a little more offence."

The team's focus will be on getting more shots on the opposing team's net, including employing strategy for more action around the net, focusing on the strong side – referring to the flat side of the field hockey stick.

"A lot of times the girls pass because they want someone else to score," he said. "They're just so selfless. It's

unselfish play. They'll do the extra pass instead of just taking a shot."

Smith said one of the factors related to their challenges is how teams in the Kawartha league have very mobile goalies, who are aggressive and challenge the shooters.

"Instead of going North-South we're going to start going East-West with some of our balls," he said.

With files from Steve Smith



The Red Hawks varsity girls' field hockey team were crowned Kawartha Champions last week in Peterborough beating the Crestwood Mustangs 1-nil. Bella Smolen scored the eventual game-winner. From left at back: Ava Allaire, Makenna Robbins, Bella Smolen, Sophie Longo, Emma Miller, Mikayla O'Neill, Paige Billings, Crystal Petry, Monique Dulong, Emily Alexander, Alexius Mills and Jordyn Nichols. From left at front: Megan Klose, Hayley Boylan, Emma Casey, Danaya MacDuff, Melissa Brinkos, Ava Smith, Brooke Stover and Cassidy McMullen-Szpik. Submitted by Steve Smith.



Haliburton's Eric Mueller stands beside Thomas Chabot, holding an Ottawa Senators flag while looking at the Canadian flag as the national anthem plays on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Canadian Tire Centre in Kanata, a suburb of Ottawa. Eric won the chance to skate on the NHL ice, carrying the Senators flag when his name was drawn to be a Jr. Senator. Photo submitted by the Ottawa Senators and credit to Freestyle Photography/OSHC.

Haliburton boy joins Senators

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Making the NHL is a dream of 10-year-old Eric Mueller's.

The Haliburton youth got to live out that dream in some respects as a SENS Jr. Starter when the Ottawa Senators hosted the current Stanley Cup Champions, the St. Louis Blues on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Canadian Tire Centre in Kanata, a suburb of Ottawa.

The Atom-aged winger plays for the Highland Storm's Rep Haliburton Timbermart Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies team. He was one of two lucky winners, whose names were drawn at random. They received a prize package worth \$300, which included a Senators replica jersey, two 300 level tickets to the game, the opportunity to carry the Sens flag onto the ice and stand with the Senators players on the blue line for the national anthem(s). To be eligible, entrants must have been aged from seven to 12 and be registered on a Hockey Canada sanctioned team for the 2019-2020 season.

The Grade 5 J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student admitted he was nervous before he stepped on the ice and said the highlight of this overall "awesome" experience was being able to get to see the players up close and skate on an NHL ice where his favourite team for the last four years played.

He and the other winner skated in full equipment, wearing Senators kit, holding the Senators flag and completed close to a full loop of the rink, which included the opportunity to skate by and fist bump the players on the benches. During the anthem he got to stand beside the Senators star defenceman Thomas Chabot, who recently signed an eight-year deal with the club worth \$64 million US – the most lucrative deal in team history. Chabot offered

the nervous Eric some advice: You don't have to be nervous. All you have to do is do what you're doing.

Eric said the words of encouragement "meant a lot. It was awesome."

His mother Andrea also appreciated the kind words.

"It was nice that they took the time to even talk because they're concentrating on the game," she said.

The family was notified of winning the package through email.

Initially, Mueller wasn't sure if the email was spam or not.

"You're not sure if it's real or legit or not," she said.

She ended up believing the email because of her son's friend Bryant Medlar, who had won the year before and gave her the idea to apply back in September.

Her son isn't one to get demonstrably emotional, but she knew he was "really excited."

Eric said it was difficult to get through his school day before making the three-plus hour drive with his parents to Ottawa from Haliburton. He said he spent much of the day staring at the cover of a book he had. It was a long day, as the family didn't return home until 2 a.m. so that everyone could go to work and school the next day.

The closest Eric had been to an NHL ice surface was last year when his parents purchased tickets for Christmas, which were four rows from the boards. He said this was far better.

Mom and Dad made the trip to Ottawa with Eric, purchasing an additional ticket grouped with the pair of seats won. They saw their son on the ice from the penalty box. Mueller said the game was entertaining despite the 6-4 loss.

"It was definitely an amazing experience. We got to both go down behind the scenes for both sets of parents. That was really nice. We had the opportunity to all go down during rehearsal. It was really good," she said.



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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Type of relic
 - 7. Type of medical program (abbr.)
 - 10. Outer defense of a castle
 - 12. 1,000 calories (abbr.)
 - 13. A way of using
 - 14. Abounding with surf
 - 15. Expressed violently
 - 16. Shared a boundary with
 - 17. Swedish krona
 - 18. Thick piece of something
 - 19. Wreaths
 - 21. Animated program network (abbr.)
 - 22. Regains possession of
 - 27. Spielberg sci-fi film
 - 28. 2-time Super Bowl winner
 - 33. Ice hockey position (abbr.)
 - 34. Circulatory system parts
 - 36. Supervises flying
 - 37. District in Peru
 - 38. Impudence
 - 39. ___ willikers!
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Grenade
 - 2. Off-Broadway theater award
 - 3. Small, immature her-ring
 - 4. ___-fi (slang)
 - 5. 007's creator
 - 6. Liquefied natural gas
 - 7. Cleanse thoroughly
 - 8. Handle of a knife
 - 9. Perform diligently
 - 10. Drink pourer
 - 11. Extreme greed
 - 12. Southern Russia river
 - 14. Type of cracker
 - 17. Single Lens Reflex
- 18. Barely sufficient
 - 20. Slick
 - 23. Reference books
 - 24. Federally recognized native peoples
 - 25. Manganese
 - 26. Senior officer
 - 29. Atomic #18 (abbr.)
 - 30. Tax collector
 - 31. World wonder ___ Falls
 - 32. Origins
 - 35. Car mechanics group
 - 36. MMA fighter Urijah
 - 38. Gland secretion
 - 40. Gelatinous water creature
 - 41. Good friend
 - 42. Arab ruler
 - 43. Capital of Belgian province Hainaut
 - 44. English broadcaster
 - 45. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 46. Affirmative
 - 47. Trigonometric function (abbr.)

Answers on page 20



Communities come together for curling

Haliburton hosted the first ever Four Town Mixed Bonspiel this past Saturday on Oct. 19. The participants played two eight-end games and lunch was included in the event, which was attend by the clubs of Minden, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls.

Above, teammates sweep their rock into the house during a game.

Top right, a skip watches an incoming shot.

Left, teammates watch their rock.

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Where: Kinmount

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Ollie & Rae Strong in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
\$5 cover charge for non members. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library Gala

When: Sunday, Oct. 27
Where: Pinestone Resort
Time: 1 p.m. silent auction/refreshments, 2 p.m. author presentation
Price: \$25, cash or cheque only
Contact Joan at 705-457-1789
Tickets may also be purchased at: Master's Book Store in Haliburton or The Book Nook at the Minden Library (1st & 3rd Thursdays) noon to 4 p.m.
Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library welcomes mystery writer Barbara Fradkin, whose most recent book is Prisoners of Hope.

Country Gospel Show with the Country Hot Flashes (featuring Don Stiver & Ed McDowall)

When: Sunday Oct. 27 2 to 4 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave. Minden
\$15/ticket Limited seating ... door prize - draw.
Tickets available at Thrift Shop 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
To reserve your ticket call Wendy 286-1225 or Linda 286-1544 or by chance at door

A Gift of Music

When: Monday, Oct. 28, 7:15 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre
Featuring The Shout Sisters, Nancy Ward and Gord Kidd. No admission fee. Hosted by the Baha'i community of Haliburton County in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Báb, one of the two founders of the Bahá'í Faith.
For further information, please contact Pat at (416) 606-9657 by phone or text.

Turkey Supper

When: Saturday, Nov. 2, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Galway Hall, 388 Galway Road, less than 10 minutes south of Kinmount.
Adults: \$17, Children 6-12: \$7, Children 5 and under: Free

Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton presents Jeff Moulton

When: Saturday November 9/19, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.



The Santa Claus Parade must be just around the corner if the Haliburton and District Lions Club has posted its banner on the Haliburton Echo building. Volunteers came out last week to put the banner up, advertising the parade, which will take place on Friday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar! /JENN WATT Staff

Haliburton Santa Claus Parade highlights peace on earth

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's Santa Claus Parade is a special event for Jim Frost.

He's been co-ordinating the beloved parade – hosted by the Haliburton BIA and organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club – since 2001, and was involved with the then-Sunday afternoon parade as early as 1999.

But he first took the parade in before he even lived in Haliburton.

"We had made a deal to purchase this house and we hadn't taken possession yet, we came up to see the Santa Claus parade because we wanted to see what this community was like," he said. "It was on a Sunday afternoon, before we took possession. Marilyn [my wife] and I came up, brought two of our sons, we watched the parade. We just wanted to see what kind of community atmosphere [Haliburton] had. And it was great. We thoroughly enjoyed it."

Frost said the Santa Claus Parade has been meaningful for him outside of Haliburton too. He used to watch Toronto's parade with his family at that sweet spot in front of the Royal Ontario Museum, touring the museum after. But Haliburton's parade is his focus now.

"Somebody mentioned to me, only in a small town would you have spectators shouting to somebody that's riding on a float – 'hi Jane,' or 'hi Bill,'" laughed Frost. "You see people that you know on the float."

Frost has been co-ordinating this year's Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade, to be held on Friday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m., since the spring, taking phone calls from those planning to take part on a float, and lining up the participating bands. On the night of the parade, his grandson and son help Frost and the Lions Club with the mar-

shalling, the behind-the-scenes organizing that helps it all run smoothly for the crowds that line the streets. Still, despite their volunteer work, Frost credits the importance of the BIA.

"This is the BIA parade, and the Lions Club organizes it on behalf of the BIA," he said. "The BIA is very important. They pay for everything, they pay the bands, the advertising and promotion, it's really their event."

This year's parade theme is Peace on Earth, suggested by fellow Lion Gord Kidd.

"He said, in this particular environment this year, there's so much strife going on," said Frost.

Additional safety protocols have been introduced this year including keeping spectators a safe distance from moving vehicles, ensuring that those on the floats stay seated and that items distributed to parade watchers are handed out, rather than thrown from floats.

This year, the parade route will be free of parked cars along the side of the road, from Pine Avenue to York Street, to allow for better views for spectators and to enable better visibility of the crowd.

Frost notes that parking lots will allow for views for those staying in their cars, and said seats at the Kosy Korner front window are always in high demand.

Prior to watching the parade, spectators are welcome to a tree lighting and carols at the "town tree" which takes place at 6 p.m. Float entries should meet at the intersection of Pine Avenue and George Street, near the parking lot of Haliburton United Church, between approximately 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m., sharp.

For those interested in participating in the parade, contact Jim Frost, parade co-ordinator, at 705-457-4031 or jandmfrost@outlook.com. To learn more about the history of the Santa Claus Parade float before you see it come to town, visit www.haliburtonlions.com/haliburton-santa-float.

More contact between generations needed

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were in school all day. Also there were no electronic devices so we played outside and interacted with young and old in the community where we lived. We were fortunate to know old and young people long before we even went to school. We lived close to our grandparents as well and often went to their houses for lunch on the weekends or Sunday dinners.

Today our young people are left to their own devices and are often raised long distances from their grandparents. Understandably they have a hard time relating to what's important to their parents and other adults.

I'm not sure there is a solution because right now two jobs are necessary to make ends meet so neither parent is free to deal with the children. This is the reason that single moms and dads have such a rough time financially and socially. Maybe this is also the reason why young people seem so disconnected from the rest of us. There is no time for family fun and no place where children can interact with people of all ages. I'm not sure but maybe this is why as a group they seem to be disinterested in the debates of candidates and things like the strike for the climate. I wonder?

Margot Roberts

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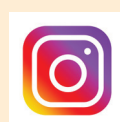
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 When daylight fades.
 To the land of long ago.
 And memory paints the scenes of old,
 In the gold of the twilight glow.
 We seem to see in the soft dim light,
 The faces we loved the best,
 And think of them when the sun's last ray,
 Goes down in the far off west.*

650 OBITUARIES

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**LITTLE, John Charles Joseph**

*John passed peacefully from this world on
 September 28, 2019 at the Ross Memorial
 Hospital.*

John was born in Toronto, April 20, 1953, the youngest son of Frank and Nora Little. John was an entrepreneur and a musician. John enjoyed the many relationships of family and friends at his long time home on Black Lake. John will be missed greatly by all of his family. Brother to; Fran Boyd (Denis), Bill Little (Claudia), Tom Little (Susan), and special brother to the late Jim Drysdale. Nieces and nephews; Cory Little (Melissa), Kathleen Marling (Doug), Jeff Little (Kristy), Sandra Crowder (Frank), Wendy Higgins (Ben) and Amy Koutsouradis (Anthony). Great nieces and nephews; Kaitlyn, Warren, Owen, Maeve, Rosalind, Lucas, Charlotte, Hayley, Aisling, Marlow, Abigail and Audrey. Please join the family to celebrate John's life, November 2, 2019 at Haliburton Legion - Mountbatten Room from 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Music was a big part of John's life and the family would be pleased if friends would bring their instruments and share a song, memories, stories and pictures, with the family. Donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital - Palliative Care or to a charity of your choice.

Dorothy May Graham

*Peacefully passed away at Extendicare Haliburton
 on Wednesday, October 9th, 2019.*

Dorothy Graham (Harrison) formerly of Gooderham and Mt Albert at 89 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Norval "Slim" Graham. Loving mother of Rocky (Donna) and the late Shelley Graham. Proud Gramma of Sherri, (Mike) Steven (Tracy), Craig, Robert (Vanita) Dear Great Gramma of Tara, Nicholas, Trey and Carlie. Survived by her sister Marie Buckmaster.

At Dorothy's request, private family arrangements were held.

*In Memory, donations maybe made to the
 Alzheimer Society. The family would like
 to extend their gratitude to all the ladies
 at Extendicare for their wonderful care of
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**Beverley 'Bev' Hunt**

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday morning, October 19, 2019 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband and best friend of Catherine Hunt (nee Cannon) for over 18 years. Loving son of the late Bert & Annie Hunt. Predeceased by his sisters Shirley and Colleen. Also remembered by his many nieces, nephews and his brother-in-law Cliff Davison.

Bev was a Trustee with the Maple Lake United Church for many years. He was involved in the Pistol Club in Haliburton County and loved to hunt, fish, target practice and bowl. Bev met Cathy late in life and married at the age of 64. They shared many happy years together.

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George Henry Farrell

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Born in Battersea, London, George never met his biological father, who died in a fighter plane crash 5 months before George was born. As an only child with a single working mother, George found solace in nature, catching legless lizards, and beginning a lifelong passion for plants and animals.

In 1954, George moved to Canada with his mother Jean and her new husband Stan Farrell. In Toronto, George attended the newly opened Don Mills Collegiate Institute, where he excelled in cross-country running, football, and on the school's championship basketball team.

George was a self-styled 'Weekend Hippie,' in Toronto's Yorkville neighbourhood during the 1960s, where he later owned a photography studio. At Ryerson, George studied Radio, Television, and Journalism. During the 1980s, he worked in the Canadian film industry as a member of union IATSE 873, on productions such as The Terry Fox Story and Road to Avonlea. In 1988, George and his partner Michelle moved fulltime to their property in Gelert. Following a workplace injury, George reinvented himself as a documentary filmmaker, notably working on disability issue productions.

Later, George was employed solely in the Haliburton Highlands, writing for local publications and working at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. He played an active role in the county's arts and music scene, including singing in a blues band. He remained a resolute Toronto Maple Leafs fan.

George died on 17 Oct 2019 at the Haliburton Hospital from brain tumor complications. He is predeceased by his parents Stan and Jean, and survived by his partner Michelle St. Pierre and his sons Brendan and Tyson. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of George's life, with music, is planned for the spring.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Nature Conservancy of Canada would be appreciated by the family, and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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THIS WEEK

MEET THE CANDIDATES

See the Echo's first section for profiles of candidates in Monmouth, Glamorgan and Lutterworth

FEATURE

SCARY STORIES

Don't be alone in the house when you read local students' Halloween stories on pages 7 and 23

SECOND FRONT

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HHSS honours some of its top students
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Monmouth voters meet candidates

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Monmouth voters had the chance to put some faces to the names that are popping up on election signs across the county and will appear on their ballots on November 14.

About 70 people attended the municipality's all-candidates meeting at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Thursday night.

Monmouth reeve Keith Tallman is hoping to extend his 16-year hold on the reeve's chair by at least three more years and is being challenged by Harcourt resident Harry Dale.

As reeve, Wilberforce resident Tallman said he has helped Monmouth council stick to its budget "fairly well" over the past 16 years.

Over the past two years, council has been able to keep a freeze

on tax hikes and hopes to continue to do so, he said.

"Raising taxes would be the wrong thing to do at this time," Tallman told the audience. "Our residents cannot afford to pay more at this time."

Tallman said he has a very strong feeling for the community and wants to see it continue to grow.

"I'd like to see it develop further, but only if it can stay within budget constraints."

In addition to his seat on council, Tallman sits on the boards of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pineridge Medical Unit and the Children's Aid Society.

Dale, who owns and operates the All-Star Cafe in Wilberforce, is running against Tallman for the reeve's chair. In the 1991 election he was one of six people making a bid for a seat on council, but was unsuccessful.

Previously a resident of Toronto, Dale moved to Harcourt in 1988 after selling his business, National Electronics Service Association. The company, which is still in operation, has 150 employees and 16 locations across the country, he said.

Dale said he wants to see the township "change for the better," provided that the tax rate could be kept at the same level. He said he would like to see sidewalks installed in some areas of Wilberforce and playground equipment provided for children.

"These are things that we can do without raising taxes," he said.

Longtime deputy-reeve Harry Clark is running for another term



Keith Tallman

Meet the candidates before election day

As you can tell from the profusion of campaign signs, we're in the midst of municipal elections. If you want to put some faces and opinions to some of the names, you should attend one of the upcoming all-candidates meetings:

- Snowdon: October 26 at the council chambers in Gelett, 7 p.m.
- Anson, Hindon and Minden: October 27 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 7 p.m.. Sponsored by the Haliburton and District Real Estate Board and the Minden Times
- Stanhope: October 29 at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall, 7 p.m.
- Dysart et al: November 1 at the Haliburton Legion, 7:30 p.m., council candidates only. (Trustee candidates can attend but there's a separate meeting for them.) Please note the change in date and location. The meeting is sponsored by the Haliburton and District Real Estate Board and the Haliburton County Echo.
- Dysart et al: November 3 at St. George's Church, 7:30 p.m., trustee candidates only. Sponsored by the Victoria Street School Parents Advisory Committee
- Bicroft: November 3 at the Cardiff Community Centre, 7 p.m.

Fairer forest tax fight gains county's support

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County council supports local forest owners in their quest for a fairer property tax system, but at least one councillor wonders if anything can be done to get the province to listen.

"You've gone through another study giving us details that are very interesting," Sherborne et al Deputy-reeve Hans Liebmann told Peter Schleifenbaum and Gary Bull at Wednesday's county council meeting. "But it seems to me it's a useless thing - you can't get to the parties who make the decisions. What else can we do as individuals and groups? Does the study make a difference? Will a change in government make a

difference?"

Schleifenbaum is manager of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, which has been leading the fight against the province's elimination of the Managed Forest Tax Rebate program. The program addressed an inequity between farmers and forest owners. Forest owners are taxed as if the land was going to be developed whereas farmers are taxed on their land's yield, not its property value. With the discontinued program, if landowners agreed to manage their forests using Ministry of Natural Resources guidelines, they received a rebate in property taxes. Without that rebate, there is a fear they will have to cut more trees than is environmental-

ly sustainable.

Schleifenbaum is also a member of the Haliburton Forest Owners Association, which hired Bull to do a study of the economic importance of forests. The study is to back up the foresters' claim about the importance of their plight. Bull released his study a few weeks ago and made a presentation to council on Wednesday.

The study finds that forestry and tourism are equal players in the Highlands' economy. As well, most activities are linked to the forests beauty and recreational opportunities.

Bull supports the forest owners' fight to be taxed fairly, saying foresters and farmers should be on an equal playing field.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Bern Berry worried who would pick up the slack if forest owners had a reduction in property taxes. Bull said "I think we can generate more tax through an improved economy."

He knows of one mill owner who can't make plans for future expansion because she fears that if forest owners over-cut in order to pay for property taxes, there won't be a sufficient supply of trees in 10 years.

Sherborne et al Reeve Ross Rabjohn said the main question is "do you want sustainable forests?" He believes it's vital not to over-harvest forests and agrees that foresters should be taxed the same way farmers are. "It makes no difference whether I grow carrots or trees."

Snowdon Reeve George Simmons said "it's our forests and water that attract people" and he doesn't want the forests to be harmed because they have an aesthetic value as well as a monetary one.

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ALL TOGETHER NOW: Mary Packard, Dorothy Robertson, Bette Mavor and Mimi Carson teach the children at WeCare how to do Scottish Country Dancing as part of the Haliburton daycare centre's celebration of Week of the Child. Parents and grandparents shared their talents with the children in various events throughout the week.

Four schools share hi-tech shipment of computers rebuilt and donated by little-known service group

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Students at four local schools now have greater access to computers, thanks to the efforts of a large but relatively unknown service group.

The Telephone Pioneers, a volunteer organization made up of Bell employees, delivered 30 computers to the Haliburton County Board of Education on Wednesday afternoon.

And the high-tech shipment didn't cost the school board a penny.

The Telephone Pioneers has overhauled and upgraded hundreds of old computers no longer wanted by the government and Bell so that they can be used by school kids, said Brian Haire, president of the organization's Lindsay-Haliburton branch.

Members of the group donate all of the time and labour that goes into refurbishing the equipment.

"These are like a gift from heaven because they are computers that we really didn't expect to get," said superintendent of education Dale Robinson. Robinson, board chairman Lloyd Griffiths and students from each of the schools which have received the computers accepted them from members of the Telephone Pioneers at the Bell centre in Haliburton on Wednesday.

About half of the computers will be set up at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the remainder have been divided among J. Douglas Hodgson

Elementary School, Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Cardiff Public School.

Those schools were chosen as recipients because the board wants children in Grade 7 and above to use the computers, said Robinson.

The board brought IBM computer equipment into its Grade 3 classrooms this fall as a pilot project and hopes eventually to expand the program from Kindergarten all the way through

Grade 6.

To date, the Telephone Pioneers has donated about 500 "new" computers to school boards across Ontario and Quebec. They were assembled from the remains of old ones, said Haire.

School boards from the two provinces can apply for the service group's computers as often as they wish, he said, but it is up to the Telephone Pioneers to determine where the computers

would be best used.

Robinson said Haliburton applied for its computers about a year ago and only learned last month that its application had been approved.

The Lindsay-Haliburton branch of the Telephone Pioneers has about 200 members, said Haire.

"We're actually the largest service group in North America, though not too many people have heard of us."



SPECIAL DELIVERY: Students Tiffany Orpana, Laura Evans and James Bonello help Brian Haire, president of the Lindsay-Haliburton chapter of the Telephone Pioneers unload a cargo of computers. The service group donated 30 rebuilt computers to four Haliburton County schools.

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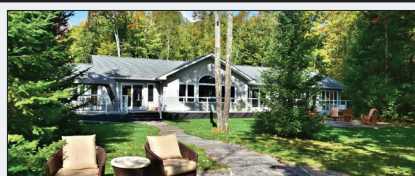


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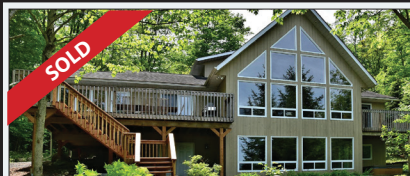
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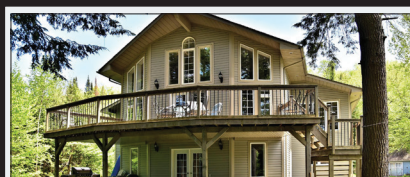
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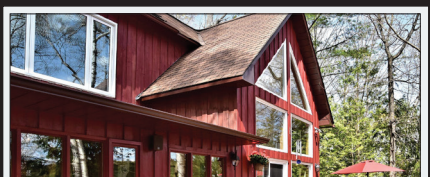
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